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[¶](#)1. (C) EmbOff spoke to Ambassador Boutchoue, Director of the Office of International Organizations and United Nations, as well as a frequent Embassy interlocutor on a wide range of international relations concerns regarding points in reftel. Although he expressed some uncertainty as to whether the planned unity government had indeed been formed, Ambassador Boutchoue expressed his government's agreement that a Palestinian unity government is necessary and satisfaction with Saudi Arabia's mediation efforts to achieve that goal.

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